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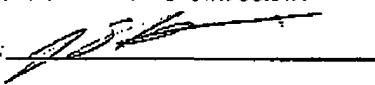
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Dear Examiner Elisca:

Thank you for taking my telephone call today. Attached is a copy of my proposed amendments. As I understand the Board's decision, they do not find support in the specification for the term "distillation." Claims 24 and 25 include the limitation of generating electronic signatures with shift registers. While the board did not directly reject Claims 24 and 25, they were nonetheless rejected because they depended on base claims that included the term "distillation."

While I think a clear reading of the operation of the linear shift register shown in Figure 5 of the present specification would show that the term "distillation" is supported (especially with an affidavit from one skilled in the art, which I believe I can obtain), in an effort to move the present case to allowance, I am proposing incorporating the "linear shift register" limitation into the independent claims, and removing the term "distillation."

When you obtain the case file, I would appreciate a telephone call. My deadline for responding is October 6, 2004.

Thanks for your consideration.

Best regards,


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